

DHSS State Public Health Laboratory Implementing New Information Management System

The Missouri State Public Health Laboratory (MSPHL) is in the process of implementing a new Laboratory Information Management System (LIMS) in its drinking water bacterial testing laboratory. The Open Enterprise Laboratory Information System (OpenELIS) LIMS will provide the laboratory with improved sample management capabilities, improved data integrity and reduced potential for human data entry error. In addition, the system will provide improved reporting capabilities, including a new web portal that MSPHL clients may use to access and print their test result reports in real time.

As the MSPHL implements this new computer system in mid-December, several changes will be made in the way water samples are collected and submitted for testing. These changes include new sample collection forms and sampling instructions.

Click [here](#) for details on these changes for submissions of **private well water samples**.

Click [here](#) for details on these changes for submissions of samples by **public water systems**.

If you have any questions, please contact the MSPHL Environmental Bacteriology Unit staff at 573-751-3334.